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Yeddy takes oath as CM

Bengaluru, May 17 (KMS& BCT)- Amid protests by opposition parties, State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa took oath "in the name of God and farmers" as Karnataka Chief Minister this morning. Yeddyurappa was sworn-in by Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala. This is for the third time Yeddyurappa is becoming the CM. The first time was in 2007 and the second was in 2008.

The oath taking ceremony took place at the Glass House of the Raj Bhavan at 9 am, a day after the Governor invited the BJP to form the government. The invitation followed a night-long court-room battle where the Supreme Court, hearing the pleas by Congress and the JD(S), refused to stay the swearing-in ceremony.

BJP emerged as the single largest party in the Assembly, secured 104 seats in the 224-member House (elections were held for 222 seats), just short of majority. Yeddyurappa has to prove its strength on the floor of the House within 15 days.

State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa taking oath as the Chief Minister at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru this morning as Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala looks on. [See also page 8]

Swearing-in highlights

- Yeddyurappa sports a green shawl; takes oath in the name of God and farmers.
- Holds meeting with Chief Secretary on farm loan-waiver.
- The CM gets 15 days to prove majority.
- Four-minute swearing-in ceremony; one-man Cabinet.
- Congress, JD(S) MLAs protest in front of Vidhana Soudha.

Four-minute event

Dressed in white shirt and white trousers, Yeddyurappa was sporting a green shawl as a reminder of his commitment to farmers' issue. The oath taking ceremony lasted just four minutes where the oath and office of secrecy was administered to Yeddyurappa by the Governor. His Cabinet will be named only after he proves his strength in a floor test at the Assembly. The programme was kept low-key, reportedly as per the Governor's request. All the newly-elected MLAs, Union Ministers and party functionaries attended the ceremony.

Unholy alliance: BSY

In his first remarks as Chief Minister, Yeddyurappa said, "Despite being rejected by the people, Congress and JD(S) have formed an unholy alliance. People will not accept this." He also expressed confidence of winning the floor test. "I have been given 15 days, but I won't take so long. I will prove the majority in the floor of the House soon. I am sure MLAs will vote according to their conscience," he said.

Soon after the swearing-in ceremony, Yeddyurappa held a meeting with State Chief Secretary K. Ratna Prabha to decide on the first steps of his one-man Cabinet including farm loan waiver to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh from all cooperative and nationalised banks.

He told reporters that he has asked a report from the Chief Secretary on the financial health of the State and additional revenue sources so that the loans can be waived as promised in the BJP manifesto. "The decision will be taken soon," he said.

Amit Shah slams Congress

BJP National President Amit Shah targeting Congress and its President Rahul Gandhi, said that the legacy of the party is the "horrific Emergency, blatant misuse of Article 356, subverting the courts, media and civil society".

Hours after Yeddyurappa was sworn in, he added that the people of Karnataka voted for the BJP. "The 'Murder of Democracy' happens the minute a desperate Congress made an 'opportunist' offer to the JD(S), not for Karnataka's welfare but for their petty political gains. Shameful," he said.

Amidst poaching threat...

Congress MLAs may be moved to Kochi or Hyderabad Resort

MLAs prevented from taking cars from Vidhana Soudha to Bengaluru resort; herded into buses

Bengaluru, May 17 (KMS& BCT)- The Congress has decided to move its 78 lawmakers out of Karnataka. Reports suggest they are likely to be flown to a plush resort at Kochi in Kerala later this evening.

Latest reports from Bengaluru say that the MLAs (both JD(S) and Congress) might be moved to a resort in Hyderabad.

Sources said that Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) has extended the invitation to the Congress and JD(S). KCR, it is learnt, is planning to mobilise a protest of all non-BJP parties in Bengaluru soon and the presence of Congress and JD(S) MLAs in Hyderabad will help him to hold initial discussion about the protest, sources added.

This morning, BJP leader B.S. Yeddyurappa was sworn in as Chief Minister of a minority government and has 15 days to close the gap between 104 and 112 - the half way mark.

(See CONGRESS on page 8)

Obituary

R. Narayana

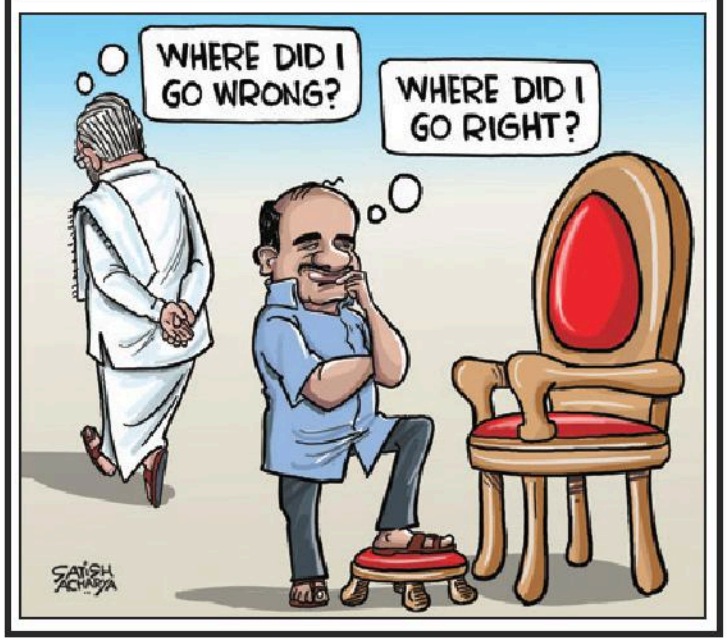
Mysuru, May 17- R. Narayana (81), retired pharmacist and proprietor of Raghulal & Co., passed away this morning at a private hospital in city following brief illness. Incidentally, today was his 81st birthday.

He leaves behind his wife Sharada, sons Raghavan and Ravi, daughter Rekha, son-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this morning, according to family sources.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Performance and perception

Seasoned analysts of the just-announced outcome of the election to the 15th Legislative Assembly of Karnataka and also the Spokespersons of major political parties taking part in debates telecast by different Kannada channels of the television network dwelt on many issues mirroring the mindset of the State's electorate of the near-about 70 per cent out of more than five crore eligible voters. The upshot of the views expressed by the participants in the debates centred around the *performance* of governments in Karnataka during the years in the recent past. One cannot be faulted to infer from all that was expressed during prolonged debates that the overwhelming verdict of the people of the State at large was none-too-flattering. What also emerged in the interactions on the small screen pointed to claims of pro-people acts on a scale that far exceeded the actual performance as judged by the outcomes. While some credit can be deservedly accorded to the governments of the day for whatever benefits accrued to well-marked sections of society, if not every section, the question "At what cost?" looms large in one's mind.

Monumental structures such as Amba Vilas (more popularly known as Mysore Palace), Vidhana Soudha in the State's capital, Krishnaraja Sagar Dam in Mandya District which have endured for many decades are known to have been constructed at costs hard to believe when compared to the humongous amounts guzzled by the administrations of our times for even sundry projects of straightening the curve of a few kilometres of a road. Functionaries in the government and elected representatives of people holding top posts siphoning off public funds to their pockets is common knowledge.

While the governments not only appoint experts to offer advice on matters of governing the country but also disclose the nature of advisory from the knowledgeable fraternity, to what extent the successive governments stuck to the prescription in letter and spirit is a matter of conjecture. The nation and its citizens are beholden to the governments vested with the onerous task of ensuring people's all-round welfare as well as the country's economic progress year on year to whatever extent the nation is holding fort as the world is watching. Even as some sectors of the economy are keeping their neck above the water mark of performing, the benefits are known to have been grabbed by sections other than the more needy in the population.

While criticism of the frailties of political parties at the helm is an integral part of conducting government business in a democratic set up, doing it by resorting to loose tongue is unfair. According to a seasoned economist keeping a close tab on the performance of administrations at different periods, *real* performing India is not on the radar of industry bodies. His point is well-taken, remembering that the wheels of progress have to be kept turning without reducing the pace, irrespective of people's perception of government's performance.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When it comes to election season as it is in Karnataka at the moment, politicians speak neither English nor Vinglish, they only speak the language of caste and community. Instead of mother tongue or father's tongue, politicians are only speaking in tongues. And many of them are not even speaking tongue in cheek because they simply don't have their tongues in check. There are so many sharp-tongued speeches being made that voters get suspicious when some speak with a honeyed tongue. When language is so mocking, it's as if netas are always sticking out their tongues. It's important to speak the mother tongue because English has long been regarded as India's colonial father tongue. Father doesn't get to speak too much anyway. Given the kind of insults and abuse that are hurled at election time, voters are reminding netas: never mind about the mother tongue or father tongue, maybe it's time to just mind your tongue. *— Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tiny Island with largest, heaviest currency

Micronesian Island: The people of Yap, a tiny Micronesian island, use giant limestone disks as money, but their unique stone money have definitely been around for centuries and are still in circulation today.

Micronesian islands use the US dollar as their official currency, but on the island of Yap people also use a very unusual form of money – giant limestone discs, some of which weigh more than a car. There are hundreds of these discs scattered all over the island, some located outside of hotels, others stored deep in the forest, but most of them are kept in stone money banks located in virtually every village. There are an estimated 13,000 stone discs in circulation on Yap, ranging from 30 centimetres to 3.50 meters in diameter, with the largest ones being considered the most valuable.

Debt Pyramid to shame debtors

Moscow: After the written payment notifications were ignored by a client, a utility company in Russia came up with an ingenious way of pressurising the debtor to pay his dues by dumping a three-tonne concrete pyramid in front of his luxurious villa.

Samara Utility Systems Ltd. had been trying for long to get the unnamed resident of Zubchaninovka village, in Russia's Samara region, to pay 50,000 ruble ($810) debt for unpaid water bills. The company had sentthe unnamed resident several written notifications, had contacted him by phone, and even sent people to reason with him in person, but to no avail.

So the management decided to try something new. They commissioned a 3-tonne-heavy, 1.5-meter-tall concrete pyramid, plastered it with shameful slogans and dumped it in front of his home, to serve as a reminder that he had a debt to bay.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What conditions respond best to aspirin treatment?

Acetylsalicylic acid is the compound thought to be responsible for pain relief. It is used to treat headache, low back pain, osteoarthritis, menstrual cramps, fever, flu, tendonitis, bursitis and cancer pain.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Month-long free dialysis at Bi Bi Ayeesha Hospital

Mysuru, May 17- B.A.M. Hospital (Bi Bi Ayeesha Milli Hospital) will be conducting free dialysis for needy patients from May 17 to June 16 in association with Karnataka State Wakf Council, Bengaluru, Karnataka State Wakf Foundation, Bengaluru and M.K. Agrotech (Sunpure Oil), Mysuru.

In addition to this, B.A.M Hospital will also be providing free injections and medicines to all dialysis patients during the Holy Month of Ramzan. All old and new patients may avail of this month-long facility irrespective of caste and creed.

For details contact Ph: 0821-2497131 or 2497132 or e-mail: *bibiayeshahospital@gmail.com*, according to a press release from Iqbal Ahmed, President.

Training at GTTC: Entries invited

Mysuru, May 17- Government Tool Room & Training Centre (GTTC), KRS Road, has invited applications for Diploma in Tool and Die Making & Diploma in Precision Manufacturing (3+1 year for SSLC pass students and 2+1 year lateral entry for ITI-Mechanical pass students); One-year Post-Diploma in Tool Design (Diploma and BE Mech. Pass and Non-AICTE); Short-term courses for Turner, Miller, Grinder, Tool Room Machinist, UG, CAD/CAM & CNC Programming.

Last date to submit application form is June 5. Candidates will be selected on Merit and Roaster basis. Counselling will be held on June 7. For details, contact GTTC in person or call Ph: 0821-2582097 or Mob: 91416-30315 or 91416-29598. Also, hostel facility is available for boys.

Nature Study at Bandipur

Mysuru, May 17- Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Gangothri Unit, Mysuru, has organised a two-day Nature Study Camp for children in the age group of 8-16 years at Bandipur (only 20 entries) on May 19 and 20. Organiser of the Programme is Sathishbabu. Interested may enrol their names with YHAI at the earliest. For details, contact Mob: 98802-44649.

Really...?

- ***India is one of the biggest users of spices in the world. It also contributes for about 70% spices of the whole world. No wonder people go gaga over Indian spices.***
- ***India has a large number of road accidents and fatalities. Every year there are about 1,15,000 cases of road fatalities. In this case India lags behind just two other countries, Eritrea and the Cook Island.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Alter parking slot restricted for disabled on Ashoka Road

Sir,

There is a stretch of around 100 mtrs near SBR Mohan Jewellery Hall on Ashoka Road restricted for parking by the disabled. Since we shop-keepers are already running short of parking space on Ashoka Road and as most of our customers are shying away from our shops, we request the authorities concerned to remove this slot as it is lying vacant and dedicate the stretch for common two-wheeler parking.

At present many people, especially ladies don't notice the signboard and park their vehicles at the short stretch meant for disabled. This has resulted in the Traffic cops towing the vehicles and imposing hefty fines.

On behalf of the motorists, I request the authorities to remove this disabled parking signboard and make way for other motorists or erect barricades and save tax-paying citizens' hard earned money.

—Naveen Jain

Mysuru
5.5.2018

Now, new curve turns dangerous for pedestrians

Sir,

At last the deadly steep curve on Hunsur Road near Jaladarshini Guest House, which was prone to frequent accidents, was made available for public use after bringing some engineering changes like road widening followed by introducing some revised road design parameters aimed at increased safety of vehicle riders.

At the same time, the environmentalists' plea to save the existing trees was also considered while widening this road.

However, it is very unfortunate to note that the road design engineers have completely ignored the safety of the pedestrians on this stretch and rather focused mainly on safety of vehicle riders. Here, the pedestrians will hardly have any space to walk.

Hence, I request the authorities concerned to re-look on this road design and find a way to provide some safe and reasonably wide walking path for pedestrians, fenced with barricade, all along the Hunsur road, at least up to city limits.

Otherwise, this road will turn into an accident spot for pedestrians once again, if not for motorists, in future.

—Narasimha Murthy

Mysuru
14.5.2018

Basava Jayanti

Mysuru, May 17- Sri Basaveshwara Seva Samiti, Ramakrishnanagar, will be celebrating Basava Jayanti on May 20 at 9.30 am. For details, contact Mob: 99809-94999.

Ramzan fasting begins today

Mysuru, May 17- A meeting of Mysore District Moon Committee was held at the Office of the Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee on Sayyaji Rao Road at 7 pm yesterday under the Chairmanship of Sir Khazi of Mysore Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff Saheb.

Ariff A. Mehkri, who was the convenor of the Moon Committee, collected information from various parts of the country. As the Moon was sighted in Chennai, Chitradurga and other parts of the country, the meeting decided to commence Ramzan fasting from Thursday (May 17).

Hazrath Moulana Maqbool Ahmed Saheb Nizami, Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Zaka Ulla Saheb Siddiqi, Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Naseem Saheb Rishadi, Janab Amjad Pasha, Syed Yunuss, Hazrath Moulana Mufti Syed Tajuddin Saheb, Hazrath Moulana Rafiuddin Saheb Qasmi, Janab Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed Saheb, S. Moinuddin Pasha, Mahmood Ali Khan, Legal Co-ordinator Noor Ibrahim Khan, Wakf Officer of Mysore Abdul Khaleel, Asiff Khan, Wakf Inspector of Chamarajanagar and Munawer Pasha were present at the meeting which began with the recitation of verses from *Quran*.

Naath was presented by Hazrath Moualana Altaf Subhani.

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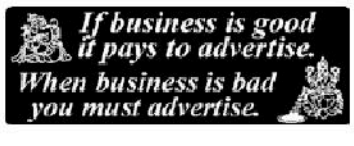

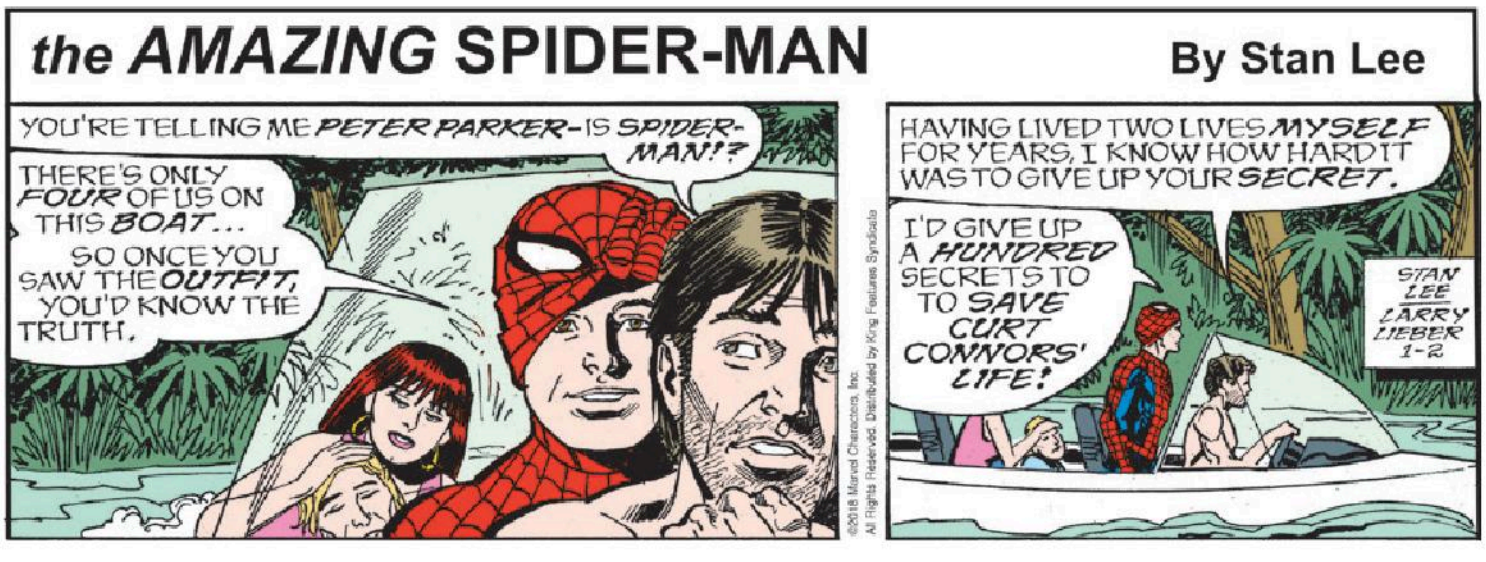
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NEWS BRIEFS

Osho meditation camp on May 20

Osho Sannidhi, Mysuru, has organised a one-day Osho Meditation Camp at Yoga and Dhyana Kendra, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium in J.P. Nagar on May 20 from 6.30 am to 6 pm. Entry through registration only. For details, contact Mob: 99004-51952 or 99001-44119 or 94802-78144.

Marata Hostel

Akhila Mysore Marata Sangha, #27, 2nd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to boys free hostel facility to the community students. Interested may contact Sangha Treasurer J. Naveen on Mob: 98459-49307 or Warden on Mob: 90087-99050.

Piles, Hernia screening camp

Suyog Hospital has organised a free piles and hernia screening camp from 9 am to 5 pm at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar on May 19. Those suffering from pain during urination, blood in stools, itching and other related problems can make use of the camp. For details, contact Mob: 87628-50960.

Solar workshop

The Paul Harris Vocational Training Centre of Rotary Mysore West has organised a free workshop on 'The necessity of solar in the country and self- employment opportunity' on May 19 from 10 am at the Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram. For details, contact Mob: 94498-37309.

Obesity management camp at JSS

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a 10-day obesity management special camp at its premises on Lalithadripura Road in Alanahalli till May 23. Those interested to attend the camp, may contact Ph: 0821-2548231/2548433 or contact Dr. Krishna Prasad on Mob: 99806-56297 or Dr. Aparna Surendra on Mob: 94482-53425.

Calling Vipra students

Vipra Employees Welfare Association, Mysuru Taluk and City, will be presenting Pratibha Puraskar to children of Government employees belonging to Vipra community and have secured above 85% marks in SSLC or PUC exams (2017-18). Eligible students may send their applications before May 30. Also, Vipra Government employees are asked to register their names with the Association, according to a press release from Association President G.V. Nagesh and General Secretary V. Venkatesh. For details, contact Mob: 99456-23596 or 99454-94025.

Siddharamaiah in tears
at Legislative party meeting

Bengaluru, May 17 (KMS& BCT)- Outgoing Chief Minister Siddharamaiah (he became former this morning as BJP leader B.S. Yeddyurappa was sworn-in as the new CM) turned emotional at a meeting of the party's new Legislators yesterday while speaking on Congress' defeat in the Assembly polls even as senior leaders blamed him for the result.

Seventy-year-old Siddharamaiah received flak from several senior party MLAs, who held him responsible for the Congress' performance, citing his complete authority in selection of candidates and the Lingayat issue, they said.

Siddharamaiah, who had heavily banked on his 'Bhagya' schemes and 'pro-backward class' programmes, had dreamt of making a big comeback amidst the BJP challenge. But the surprising results seem to have shaken Siddharamaiah like never before.

Added to the blow the voters have delivered, the Congress High Command has asked the State unit to forge an alliance with JD(S) whom he has detested all the time ever since he quit JD(S) to join Congress in 2006. All these factors made Siddharamaiah to turn emotional and was seen weeping during the Congress Legislative Party meeting at the KPCC office in Bengaluru.

His emotional action brought tears among his colleagues too as quite a number of sitting Ministers had bitten the dust. Interacting with the newly elected MLAs, Siddharamaiah rued his failure to get the majority for the party.

"We have given good governance for five long years. Yet, we did not get the mandate of the people. I toured the State several times and toiled hard to get the party back to power. But none of these yielded us the required mandate," Siddharamaiah reportedly said with tears in his eyes. Upon seeing their leader sobbing, several other leaders like MLC Dharmasena and others too burst into tears.

Jumping into the situation, several MLAs alleged that confusion over picking the right candidates spoiled the party's prospects. "Rather than picking winning horses, leaders extended ticket to those who move around powerful leaders in the party, triggering the fall," MLAs reportedly said. However, Congress State President Dr. G. Parameshwara intervened to resolve the situation and took the leaders away to hold a meeting with JD(S) leaders.

Outgoing Speaker Koliwad blames Siddu for debacle, says he must be kept out

Bengaluru, May 17 (KMS& BCT)- After a severe drubbing in the elections, cracks have emerged within the Congress party where party leaders are targeting former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah for the electoral debacle. And taking the lead in the criticism is none other than outgoing Speaker K.B. Koliwad, a staunch Congressman.

Koliwad, who had lost to an independent in Ranebennur, lashed out against Siddharamaiah and urged the national leaders of the party to reclaim the party from Siddharamaiah.

K.B. Koliwad

Stating that Siddharamaiah is 13 years junior to him, Koliwad said, "As a Speaker of the House, I have worked in favour of the Congress on several occasions. Congress will not benefit from Siddharamaiah. The party would perish under him. He does not even have a single drop of Congress blood in him. His actions, attitude and language spoiled the party's fortunes."

He claimed that the party had lost out owing to the "dictatorial" attitude of Siddharamaiah. "In the interest of the party, Siddharamaiah should be kept away from the Congress," Koliwad said.

The outgoing Speaker did not stop at that. "It is true that two parties must come together to form a coalition government. But this man will not allow Kumaraswamy to become CM. He has lost humiliatingly in Chamundeshwari and scraped through in Badami. Siddharamaiah must be ashamed," he said.

Koliwad said, "You all have seen what people have decided. I will personally request Rahul Gandhi not to give any post to Siddharamaiah. Rahul would listen to his mother Sonia Gandhi and I will tell them. He will never come to power in the future."

He said the Siddharamaiah government had taken "unnecessary decisions" such as granting minority religious tag to Lingayat/ Veerashaiva community, which was one of the factors for the party's dismal show.

CAUVERY MANAGEMENT SCHEME

SC rejects Karnataka's plea to stall finalisation of draft

New Delhi, May 17- The Supreme Court yesterday laid down three major modifications to Cauvery Management Scheme draft submitted by the Centre on May 14. While there was no clarity in the nomenclature of the scheme in its draft, SC has asked Centre to change the name of the authority to Board.

It has also directed Centre to change the headquarters from Bengaluru to New Delhi. The SC has also asked for removal of the clauses which read that the Centre's decision is final and that the Cauvery Management Board should comply with the changes of Centre. The Court clearly specified that the Board alone has the authority to implement and award Cauvery water to the States. SC also added that no more dams can be built across Cauvery River. The SC rejected Karnataka and Kerala's plea to defer its order and asked the Centre to submit the scheme with modifications on May 17. Karnataka had requested SC to defer its hearing owing to its turbulent Government formation.

The uncertainty about Karnataka's future government made its presence felt in the courtroom when senior advocate Shyam Divan, for the State, asked the Apex Court to postpone the hearing to July first week. "The govt. formation is going on. We too want to give suggestions on the draft scheme like the other States. You deferred the case many a time for the Centre. If that had not happened, we would not have been in this situation now. This scheme will be effective on us for 15 years. We have a right to say something. Stand this over till the first week of July," Divan told the Court.

Senior counsel for TN, Shekhar Naphade, protested. He said the Constitution does not contemplate a vacuum and it is wrong to say that there is no government in Karnataka now. He said the Court cannot wait till July as the first release of water from Cauvery is scheduled in June.

The SC paid no heed to Divan and went ahead to sift the inputs from the States of TN, Kerala and Union Territory of Puducherry. The Court also turned down TN's plea to appoint a retired Judge as the Chairman of the authority and also to discard the distress formula by the Cauvery authority.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	69.52 ft
Yesterday	69.71 ft
Inflow	343 cusecs
Outflow	900 cusecs
Last year on this date	69.40 ft

Four questioned by Police over EVM hacking allegations

Mysuru, May 17- Following accusation by a few defeated candidates that EVMs and VVPATs were hacked in the May 12 Assembly polls, the Police are said to have questioned four persons who had made claims on hacking.

Defeated NR JD(S) candidate Abdul Aziz (Abdulla) and SDPI candidate Abdul Majeed has lodged a complaint with the NR Police accusing four youths of demanding Rs. 5 crore for hacking EVMs in their favour and thus ensure their victory.

These candidates, after tracing the four youths who had approached them, brought them to the NR Police Station yesterday, when the youths who were said to be natives of Mudigere were questioned over the allegations and later let off as the Police are said to have found no truth in the allegations, it is learnt.

Even as the defeated NR JD(S) and SDPI candidates were in the Police Station, defeated KR Congress candidate M.K. Somashekar, who also had alleged EVM hacking, arrived at the Police Station, it is learnt.

Defeated SDPI candidate from NR, Abdul Majeed, addressing media.

Meanwhile, DCP M. Vishnuvardhana, reacting to reports in a section of the Press on EVM hacking, said that on Wednesday night, a few candidates (NR, KR and Chamaraja Constituencies) who lost the recent Assembly polls, had brought 6 to 7 youths, accusing the youths of approaching them before the elections and demanding money saying that they could hack the EVMs. But then, these candidates had turned these youths back saying that EVM tampering and hacking was not possible.

Now that these candidates have lost the elections, they feel that the EVMs could have been hacked. However, their allegations seems to be not true, the DCP said.

Confirming that no case has been registered and that nobody is arrested or taken into custody either, he however said that the Police will bring the matter to the notice of the DC, who is also the District Electoral Officer.

SDPI demands poll on ballot papers

Mysuru, May 17 (SPN&DM)- Alleging that VVPATs were hacked in Narasimharaja Constituency, SDPI staged a demo near the DC's office here yesterday demanding that the elections be held on ballot papers.

Maintaining that the EVMs have been misused in the recently concluded elections, NR Constituency SDPI candidate Abdul Majeed said that he did not receive a single vote in a booth were the party has a strong hold. Accusing major political parties of indulging in irregularities in elections, Majeed urged the Election Commission to order recounting of votes in the Constituency.

Raising slogans, the SDPI activists alleged that zero votes was registered in a Polling Station where the party had a good presence of party activists and members. Alleging malfunctioning of the EVMs in the polls held on Saturday, they also claimed that EVMs and VVPATs were misused during counting of votes. They reiterated that the elections be held on ballot papers in order to uphold the spirit of democracy.

House burgled in Vijayanagar

Mysuru, May 17 (SPN&KS)- House burglars, who broke into a locked house in Vijayanagar here, have decamped with gold ornaments worth about Rs. 5lakh.

The burglary took place at the house of one Nishit Bhat, a resident of Vijayanagar 4th Stage. He along with his family had gone out of station on May 12 when the burglary took place and the incident came to light when the family returned to city.

A case has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station in this regard.

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From five to ten directions

If you walk around a traditionally-built Hindu temple, it is likely that you will see images of the guardians of the directions (diggapala): Kubera in the north, Yama in the south, Indra in the east and Varuna in the west, with Vayu, Chandra (or Ishana), Agni and Surya (or Nirriti) in the ordinal directions. There are two other guardians of directions: Brahma above and Sesha below, who are often ignored in art, but listed in text. These minor Gods of Hinduism play a key role in Vastu shastra, or the Hindu lore on space and settlements as they keep out negative energies and bring in positive energies from each of these directions.

The concept of 10 diggapalas reached its final form about a thousand years ago when grand Hindu temples of stone started being built across India. But the thought can be traced to the Gangetic plains where Vedic yagna was being performed 3,000 years ago.

In Vedas, we don't have 10 diggapala, only five lokapalas: the four cardinal directions and the zenith. The deities of the four cardinal directions vary in different hymns and are very different from those seen in temples 2,000 years later. They include Agni for the east, Indra or Yama for the south, Varuna for the west, Soma for the north, and Brihaspati for the zenith. Yama in the south and Varuna in the west have remained relatively consistent over the centuries.

Some scholars have argued that the idea may have come from the cities of the Indus Valley where we find symbols suggesting awareness of, and value placed on, cardinal and the ordinal directions. This makes direction-Gods an extra-Vedic and pre-Vedic idea that eventually became part of the Vedas. This is speculation, of course.

The Vedic five guardians first became four lokapalas in Mahabharata, as do Satavahana inscriptions from Nanaghat and Gupta inscriptions from Allahabad. Even the Buddhists refer to four deities (chatummaharajika) who guard Buddha while he is meditating. Only Kubera, king of yakshas (hoarders), guardian of the north, is common in Buddhist and Hindu lists. The other three Buddhist guardians are Dhritarashtra, king of Gandharvas (celestial musicians), who guards the east; Virudhaka, king of Kumbhandas (pot-bellied gnomes), who guards the south; and Virupaksha, king of Nagas (serpents), who guards the west. This idea spread to China via Buddhism and merged with Chinese lore where the four directions are identified with four mythical creatures located in as constellations in the sky: dragon on the east, white tiger in the west, turtle in the north and red birth in the south.

It is only with the rise of Puranic Hinduism that there is reference to eight, then 10, diggapalas in texts such as *Manusmriti* (1,800 years ago) and *Yogayatra* (1,400 years ago). These deities start appearing on temple walls a thousand years ago. This idea also spread to Southeast Asia and we find eight directions being represented as divinities in the royal symbol of Majapahit kings of Java, Indonesia, in the 13th century.

The rise of Gods who control space in every direction happened a long period, over 2,000 years, from pre-Vedic to Puranic times. It reveals the human desire to control various cosmic forces that pull us in different directions and shape our fortune.

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Time for Family

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

A very interesting and riveting story which I thought I should share with *SOM* readers: It took my dad, the whole of his life to learn one valuable lesson. He passed it on to me and future generations to come.

Ballal

It was 12.10 pm and my husband was 10 minutes late for our luncheon meet. Feeling impatient I texted him, "Where are you? It's late already."

"I am sorry. But there is someone else who wants to be with you," my husband texted back.

Confused and a little annoyed, I was thinking that I still had so much work after lunch. Suddenly I noticed a man parking his car and walking into the restaurant who looked just like my dad.

Yes, it was my dad. He must have driven non-stop from his house 5 hours away. Dad, what are you doing here? I asked with a stunned expression.

It had been more than a year from the last time I paid him a visit. "I just wanted to have lunch with you," said my dad.

Fearing the worst that something bad had happened to daddy, I asked him, scared to hear the answer.

"Are you unwell?"

"I am fine, sweetheart."

Next week there is a screening of a movie we missed watching together, the one ... do you remember? I would like to watch it with you, my dad asked sincerely.

I remember, dad, but I can't make it. I am very busy at work this month. Feeling guilty, I suggested we can see the movie the following month.

Next month, ok, he said. Next month I did meet him, not for the movie date but in a hospital. Unable to speak, gasping, he handed over his diary to me and closed his eyes for ever.

Later that night I nervously opened his diary:

July 8, 1981, 9 pm, I did not make it on time to be with you when you were born.

March 9, 1982, I missed your first baby steps.

September 9, 1984, 7.30 am, your first day at the kindergarten and I could not make it to send you off.

Tears started to roll down my cheeks and my heart felt hurt.

May 5, 1988, 12 pm, I let you wait for a long time and still missed our first movie show.

April 23, 2018, 10 pm I feel I may fail to keep my promise with you one more time.

Daughter, that day, I just wanted to spend the last moments of my life with you. To tell you how precious **family time** is. I have missed many moments over the years, spending all my time working, thinking that it would make our lives better. I was wrong. **We should spend as much time as we can with the ones we love, that is how we make our lives better; because money cannot buy real happiness.**

I am sorry, my dear. Please do not make the same mistakes I did in the end; kids won't remember the fancy toy you bought for them but remember the "time" you spent with them. Time for family is sacred time and should be protected and respected.

One day, you should say, "I am glad I did" rather than "I wish I had."

When I look back all of my 66 years, my story is also not different from the above. So many important moments of my children's life I have missed because of so-called commitments to my job. I still remember to my regret, the fact that I was not present at my second child's birth due to some emergency work. Working for twelve hours became a habit, sometimes I used to stay on at work, even when it was not necessary. Now I wish I had spent that extra time with my family. Is it possible to get those magical moments back. "No."

This is the story of thousands of working men and women, who do not strike a balance between their work and family. But the time has now come to "change." Spend as much as time with your family. The bonding becomes so strong with your children that they will spend more time with you when you are old. You should be able to say "I am glad I did" rather than "I wish I had."

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Calling theatre artistes for Rangayana's touring wing

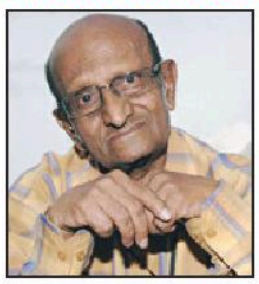
Mysuru, May 17- Mysuru-based theatre repertory Rangayana has invited applications to select artistes for Sanchari (touring) Wing of the repertory for the year 2018-19.

Those in the age group of 18-30 years and having passed SSLC/ II PUC with a Diploma in theatre from Rangayana, NSD and NINASAM or those with theatre experience may apply along with the photocopy of the marks card and certificates.

Last date to apply is June 11 (5.30 pm). Interview will be held at Rangayana premises on June 15 at 11 am. Preference will be given to those who have completed Diploma from Rangayana, Mysuru. The selection is valid for 11-month theatre training and touring from July 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

Selected artistes will be given a salary of Rs.12,000 per month and they will have to make their own arrangements for food and accommodation and also abide by the rules and regulations of Rangayana. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2512629.

City Horologist on DD Chandana



Mysuru, May 17- Doordarshan (DD) Chandana channel will telecast City Horologist M.S. Chandrasekar Iyer's talk on '*Gadiyara andu-indu*' at 12.30 pm on May 19. He will cover the topic right from sand clock to atomic and GPS system watches.

What's Cooking ?

Grand Finale of Forum Junior Chef Champ'18 in City

Budding young chefs from across South India sharpened their knives as they honed their culinary skills for Forum Junior Chef Champ competition held for the first time in Mysuru at Forum Centre City on May 13.

More than 100 kids competed in the preliminary round in both the categories — category-1 (7 to 10 years) and category-2 (11 to 15 years) showcasing their talent in cooking.

Among them, 30 kids battled ahead to the grand finale to emblaze their creativity and innovation in culinary giving a run for the top chefs.

The event was attended by Executive chef Anil from *Grand Mercure*, who gave valuable tips to the kids. Every winner was awarded with an opportunity of working alongside some great chefs in their facility for five days. Every participant gave their best shot and almost all the delicacies were mouth-watering providing a tough challenge for the Judge to choose the best.

The winners were awarded with trophies and goodies, according to Khuteja Afzal, Sr. Executive — Marketing & Communication, Forum Centre City, Nazarbad.

Musical feature at RK Ashrama on May 19

Mysuru, May 17- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira along with Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama (RK Ashrama), Mysuru, is celebrating the birth anniversary of Shyama Shastri (eldest of the Music Trinity) on May 19 (Saturday) at the auditorium in Ramakrishna Ashrama premises. There will be a musical feature titled "Shyamakrishna Vaaggeya Vaibhava" by the students of 'Surabhi' from 6 pm to 8 pm. This event will be directed by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar.

Malabar's Brides of India Campaign lucky winners

The lucky winner K.L. Mahadevaprasad *(second from right)* ***is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Mysuru's Malabar Gold and Diamonds Store Head Sharaffuddin, chief guest Gayathri Radhakrishna, Director of Minds Hospital, Mandi Mohalla and Assistant Store Head Shiju Lal.***

Mysuru, May 17 - Malabar Gold & Diamonds has conducted the first round of State-wise lucky draws to pick the winners of free honeymoon trip as part of the ongoing Brides of India Campaign Season 6.

Around 1,000 lucky couples will get the chance for free honeymoon trip to overseas destinations like Dubai, Malaysia, Singapore, Bali and Hong Kong. Among them 175 winners are announced through this first round of lucky draws conducted in Malabar Gold & Diamonds showrooms across India.

In all, 35 winners have been announced in Karnataka through the first round of Lucky Draws held at respective showrooms in Karnataka and 16 winners have been selected from Bangalore stores. All couples who were eligible for the draw were present at the stores.

The three lucky customers of Mysuru Store are: A. Anula, K.L. Mahadevaprasad and Chethan.

Catching the celebratory soul of Indian weddings and motivated by the vivid spirit of various Indian festivals like Holi, Diwali, Onam, Pongal, Ugadi and so forth, Malabar Gold & Diamonds present an all new bridal jewellery collection over its stores during this wedding season, meticulously crafted in gold and fine diamonds.

The offer is available to all couples who buy wedding jewellery from Malabar Gold & Diamonds showrooms across India till end of Sept. 2018 and tie the knot before Nov. 30. The offer is valid in all Malabar Gold & Diamonds showrooms in India, except Tamil Nadu.

UoM internal assessment

Mysuru, May 17- The Internal Assessment marks of students who had appeared for 2nd, 4th and 6th semester exams of degree courses conducted by University of Mysore (UoM) in April-May 2018 has been announced in the website *www.uni-mysore.ac.in*. Any discrepancies should be reported to the respective college Principal before May 19.

Congress, JD(S) protest in front of Gandhiji Statue in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, May 17 (KMS& BCT)- Even as State BJP Chief Yeddurappa was being sworn-in as Chief Minister at the Raj Bhavan here, the Congress and JD(S) MLAs staged a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi Statue near Vidhana Soudha.

The MLAs were brought to the protest venue in special buses from their respective resorts. They shouted slogans against the BJP for what they called "murder of democracy."

Former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H. D. Deve Gowda, State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy, former CM Siddharamaiah and other leaders took part in the protest that ended by afternoon.

Police had to resort to mild lathicharge to prevent the MLAs from entering the Vidhana Soudha. Heated arguments broke out between the Police and the MLAs as they were restrained.

Congress MLAs may be moved to Kochi or Hyderabad Resort

(Continued from page 1)

The Congress and the JD(S), who had also staked claim to power declaring a combined strength of 116, are preparing to "protect" their flock for two weeks from being poached.

Last evening, a bus-load of Congress legislators was moved around, first to the Governor's house for a possible show of strength, then to the Eagleton Resorts on the outskirts of Bengaluru, a place that has become a must-go destination for resort politics.

The JD(S) law-makers spent the night at the Shangri-La hotel in Bengaluru. Today morning, they were taken in a bus to Vidhana Soudha to join the Congress leaders who were staging a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi Statue.

Soon after the protests, Congress MLAs were asked by former Minister D.K. Shivakumar not to travel by cars and instead, they were asked to take the bus that has been arranged for them to reach the resort. When some MLAs told Shivakumar that they would want to visit some of their relatives' places in Bengaluru instead of idling around in the resort, Shivakumar reportedly told them to follow the party directive.

Shivakumar told reporters, "No MLAs can slip out us. Our house is in order. Our numbers are safe. We will come back."

The Eagleton Resorts on the outskirts of Bengaluru where Congress MLAs are staying.

Sources said that the MLAs might be shifted to the Kochi resort later this evening. Interestingly, the MLAs have already had an offer from Kerala. Kerala Tourism put out an invitation on Twitter to the newly-elected legislators to "unwind" at "safe and beautiful resorts in God's Own Country."

Resort culture is not new to Karnataka and it is almost 15-years-old while on the national scene, it has had a history of more than 50 years. This tool has been resorted to by all the three major political parties — Congress, BJP and JD(S) — in the State from 2004 till date where MLAs have hopped from resort to resort and city to city.

Last year, the Congress had kept its Gujarat legislators at Eagleton Resorts ahead of the Rajya Sabha election, when its candidate Ahmed Patel was facing a BJP rival and every vote became crucial. In 2011, B.S. Yeddyurappa had taken his flock of 60 legislators to a swanky resort outside Bengaluru so that his protégée Sadananda Gowda could be made the CM.

Again in 2012, Yeddyurappa resorted to resort politics but this time to dislodge Sadananda Gowda. In 2010, with 18 legislators withdrawing support to the Yeddyurappa government, the BJP rebels hopped from hotel to resort and from Chennai to Kochi to Goa while the Congress kept its flock intact at a resort near Bengaluru. In 2009, mining baron G. Janardhana Reddy, leading the dissident campaign against Yeddyurappa, too resorted to resort politics.

SC refuses to stay BSY's swearing-in

To hear the case tomorrow

SC Bench heard the case at 2.10 am in Court 6

New Delhi, May 17- In a rare early morning hearing, the Supreme Court (SC) decided not to stop BJP's B.S. Yeddyurappa from being sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka today. However, the Court said it wanted to see the letters dated May 15 and 16 written by Yeddyurappa to Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala staking claim to form Government and will hear the matter again at 10.30 am on Friday, May 18.

The SC Bench, comprising Justices A.K. Sikri, S.A. Bobde and Ashok Bhushan, was hearing the petitions by Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President Dr. G. Parameshwara and JD-S President H.D. Kumaraswamy.

The Supreme Court Bench started hearing the case around 2.10 am in Court 6 with senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi representing the petitioners and Attorney General K.K. Venugopal appearing for the respondent Union of India and senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi appearing for two BJP MLAs.

Singhvi argued that the Governor must have invited the post-poll coalition to form government as no single party had secured a majority. He questioned the 15 days time given to Yeddyurappa for proving majority saying the Supreme Court had earlier said "to give such time is to encourage the Constitutional sin of poaching…"

Singhvi contended that while even imposition of President's Rule under Article 356 is subject to judicial review and wondered why the Governor's decision cannot be subjected to judicial review. "Governor's exercise of governmental duties can be fully reviewed," he argued. Singhvi also cited instances of Meghalaya, Manipur, Goa, Delhi, Jharkhand and J&K as precedents of post-poll alliances being invited to form governments.

"Someone said we are giving horses a bad name by calling it horse trading. We are trading humans and calling it horse trading," said Singhvi, pointing out that the fortnight given for proving majority will encourage poaching," he said.

When Justice Bobde asked how the Court could assume anything unless it saw the letter (given by Yeddyurappa to the Governor), Singhvi said: "Yes, you can't, on mere speculation, so postpone it by two days." To this, the Judge countered: "So can we postpone on basis of mere speculation?" The Court asked how Yeddyurappa could cite numbers in his favour given the arithmetic when other side has given a list of those backing it.

Arguing for the Union of India, Attorney General K.K. Venugopal said: "we don't know what happened in exchanges between Governor and Yeddyurappa, or what he has said in his letter." The AG argued that a floor test was the best to know if the Governor's decision was right.

Advocate Mukul Rohatgi contended that the Governor cannot be made answerable to the Court. "The petition should be dismissed," he said, adding that it is completely misconceived. "The petitioners are trying to stultify a democratic process," he added.

City JD(S) protests Guv action

Mysuru, May 17 (MTY&NNN)- The city JD(S) leaders too staged a protest near the bust of Mahatma Gandhi opposite City Law Courts Complex here this morning alleging that Governor Vajubhai R. Vala had ignored the majority of the JD(S) and the Congress Legislators.

They said that the Governor had bowed to the diktats of the ruling party and allowed the formation of BJP Government thus ignoring the Constitution and the rule of law. Corporators SBM Manju, K.T. Cheluvegowda, K.V. Mallesh, Shivanna, Shailendra and others participated.

HDD fans offer puja

Mysuru, May 17 (PM&US)- Members of H.D. Deve Gowda Abhimanigala Harsha Balaga offered special puja at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill here this morning seeking divine blessings to have H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) back as the Chief Minister.

They also broke 101 coconuts outside the Temple.

Marking the 86th birthday of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD) tomorrow, the Balaga members propose to offer puja again at the Hill Temple followed by distribution of breakfast to the inmates of Shaktidhama and fruits to the patients at K.R. Hospital.

Runway expansion, underpass near Mysore Airport gets nod

First of its kind in the country when project completed

Mysuru, May 17 (NNN)- The 12-years effort to build a 500 metre-600 metre long tunnel or underpass near the Mysore Airport in Mandakalli and the extension of runway to 2,750 metres has finally borne fruit, with the Director General, Bureau Civil Aviation Authority giving 'Security Clearance.'

In a statement, Mysuru MP Pratap Simha has stated that it is due to the constant efforts in the last four years and the interest shown by Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayanth Simha that the Civil Aviation Ministry has given its approval for the underpass and the extension of the runway.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning, Mysore Airport Director Manoj Kumar Singh said, "Once the project is completed, it will be the first of its kind airport in the country, where the runway will be over the underpass. We see this kind of Airports only in foreign countries."

According to Singh, it is due to the efforts of MP Pratap Simha and the District Administration that the approval has finally come to extend the runway and build an underpass.

An additional 280 acres of land is required for the purpose and all processes are being speeded up to acquire the land by paying compensation to the landholders at the earliest. "Once the land is handed over to Airports Authority of India, simultaneously all the work will start. The project is likely to be completed in two or three years," said Singh and added, "Then bigger aircraft can land in the Mysore Airport, which in turn will drive the economy of the city."

Infrastructure Development Department Additional Chief Secretary Sandeep Dave has called for a meeting tomorrow at Bengaluru which will be attended by Singh and an Engineer. There was also a meeting held in this regard last month.

It may be recalled that an Expert Committee which had come to Mysore Airport had rejected the proposal but during their second visit on April 5, they gave their approval.

"This approval for the extension of runway of the Mysore Airport and the underpass has been the biggest achievement in my career," said an emotional Manoj Kumar Singh.

Mysuru bags Cleanest Medium City Award

Fails to get 'cleanest city' tag in National category

Mysuru, May 17 (RK,YDS&NNN)-The efforts of the District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation and the citizens paid off as the heritage city Mysuru topped the Cleanest City list among the Medium Cities category in the Swachh Survekshan-2018 rankings.

However, it is also to be noted that unlike the first two times when the city bagged the top slot in the country and dropped to the fifth spot last year, this time Mysuru has to be satisfied with the medium city category top award.

Incidentally, Hunsur in Mysuru District bagged the 'Best City' in Solid Waste Management-South Zone with a population of less than one lakh.

The results were announced by Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi yesterday and Mysuru topped in the 3 lakh to 10 lakh population list.

Recently, the Swachh Survekshan team had conducted the survey of 4,203 cities and submitted a report to the Union Ministry of Urban Development. Accordingly, the honour of the cleanest city in the country went to Indore followed by Bhopal and Chandigarh. Indore and Bhopal, both in Madhya Pradesh, have bagged the Cleanest City tags for the second year in a row.

Among the other highlights of the Swachh Survekshan-2018, the Cleanest City with a population above ten lakh went to Vijayawada, Cleanest State Capital to Greater Mumbai, Best City in Innovation and Best Practise Nagpur, Best City in Solid Waste Management Navi Mumbai and Mangaluru.

An 11-member Swachh Survekshan-2018 team associated with Karvy Infrastructure Private Limited, visited the 65 Wards in the city during February and personally went to ten houses in each Ward and also videographed the event.

The team had scrutinised documents pertaining to quantity of waste generation, segregation, transportation, processing and disposal of solid waste, details of zero waste treatment plants, steps taken by MCC for cleaning the city and other related items. They had also visited the solid waste management plants in Kumbarakoppal and the one near the Sewage Farm and checked how the treatment plants worked.

Cricketer Javagal Srinath and Royal scion Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar had also been roped in to promote the Swachh Survekshan initiatives.

Training for translators at CIIL from tomorrow

Mysuru, May 17 (US)- National Translation Mission (NTM) located at Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, has organised a three-week translation training programme from tomorrow till June 7 at CIIL premises on Hunsur road here.

CIIL Director Prof. D.G. Rao will inaugurate the programme. NTM Officer Dr. Tariq Khan will deliver the keynote address. Scholars from Universities and organisations will deliver lectures on translation aspects.

About 70 translators from across the country are expected to participate.

Obituary

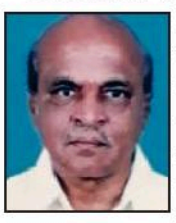
Chowdaiah

Mysuru, May 17- Chowdaiah (90), a resident of Jayanagar, passed away in city yesterday.

He leaves behind four sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jayanagar Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

Virupaksha

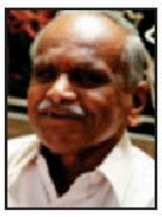


Virupaksha (76), retired Assistant Executive Engineer and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held on Saturday (May 19) at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds in city, according to family sources.

S. Hiriyannaiah



S. Hiriyannaiah (72), former employee of KERS at KRS and Founder-Director of Keshava Patthina Sahakara Sangha, Mysuru, passed away yesterday at his residence in Jayanagar.

He leaves behind his son M.H. Praveen, Finance Manager at J.K. Tyres, Mysuru, daughter-in-law, grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning, according to family sources.

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'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' programme launched

Raichur Sheshagiridas from Bengaluru** (extreme left) **is seen rendering Dasara Pada at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, yesterday during the inaugural of 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana) programme organised by Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samithi, Vidyaranyapuram. Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya** (second from left) **and Sri 108 Raghuveerendra Theertha Sripadangal** (in saffron) **are seen also seen.

Everyday till June 17 as part of Adika Jeshta Masa, 'Harinama Sankeerthane' will be rendered by members of various Bhajana Mandalis from 5 pm to 6 pm. Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya will deliver discourse on 'Harikathamrutasaara' and various artistes will render Dasara Pada from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Vocal concert by Ravikiran at Veene Seshanna Bhavana tomorrow

Mysuru, May 17 - Ganabharathi has organised a Karnatak music vocal concert by **Vid. G. Ravikiran** on May 18 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar. He will be accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Phanindrabhaskara on ghata.

Profile: G. Ravikiran was initiated into Karnatak music at the age of 9 by Gayatri Keshavan and Vasanta Ramanujam. He was trained for over a decade under veteran *Padma Bhushan Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Dr. R.K. Srikantan.

Since 2003, he has been under the training of leading musician T.M. Krishna and is one of his senior most disciples.

He has several awards to his credit — Best Concert by the Madras Music Academy, All India Radio National Competition 1st prize, Voleti Venkateswarulu

Endowment Award by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Raga Laya Prabha Award by Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira and Karnataka Gana Kala Parishad Award for Best Youth Performer apart from a host of other prizes.

Ravikiran has performed at several leading venues all over India and has also toured Singapore, Europe, Australia and USA for concerts and lecture demonstrations. Being passionate about the lofty compositions of Muthuswami Dikshitar, he is the founder of Guruguhaamrta which is a Trust dedicated to increasing awareness of the rich legacy of Dikshitar. Through Guruguhaamrta, Ravikiran conducts several programmes dedicated to Dikshitar such as regular Akhandam (day-long musical offering) at Ettayapuram where Dikshitar's samadhi is located, National-level competitions on Dikshitar Kritis, "Dikshitar Choir" and other such projects.

Ravikiran is also on a project to sing and archive all Dikshitar Kritis in Raganga Ragas of the Venkatamakhin Tradition. Volume 1 of this CD has been released and future volumes are under progress.

Articulate Dance Festival at Ganabharathi on May 20

Mysuru, May 17- Articulate Festival, coordinated by Mysore B. Nagaraj, is conducted on 3rd Sunday of every Month, in city. Accomplished Indian Classical dancers both from India and abroad take part in this festival.

On Sunday, the 20th May, in its 24th series, artistes are scheduled to perform in Kathak, Kuchipudi and Bharatnatyam starting at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavan (Ganabharathi), Kuvempunagar. Entry is free.

This series presents Amita Mathur in a solo Kathak, Akhila Deepak in a solo Kuchipudi while two duet formats in Bharatanatyam will be presented by Shwetha - Sindu Purohit and Anjali Srikant - Neethu Anand. For details, contact Festival Co-ordinator on Mob: 93412-88391.

PROFILES

Anjali Srikant Iyengar is trained in Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, by Guru Dr. Sanjay Shantaram and had her "Arangetrum" in the year 2008. She completed her senior dance exams with distinction. She was part of the Indian Cultural exchange programme to Colombo and Malaysia. She has travelled to USA, Singapore and Australia. She has been awarded the title 'Natya Mayuri' and is a graded artiste of DD, Bengaluru.

Amita Mathur ***Akhila Deepak*** ***Sindu***

Shwetha ***Anjali*** ***Neethu***

Neethu Anand began her training under Guru Deepthi Mukund and under Guru Dr. Sanjay Shantaram of Shivapriya School of Dance in both Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. She had her 'Arangetrum' in 2013. Neethu has performed in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Bahrain and Australia as part of cultural exchange.

Shwetha and Sindhu K. Purohit commenced training in Bharatanatyam under Guru Meera and their dance skills under Shantala awardee, *Karnataka Kala Tilaka* Radha Sridhar of Venkatesha Natya Mandira. The Purohit sisters accomplished their Rangapravesham in 2011.

While Shwetha finished Vidwat grade exam with distinction, Sindhu completed Pre-Vidwat conducted by KSEEB. Shwetha is pursuing MFA from Sastra University, Thanjavur, under the guidance of Dr. Padma Subramanyam while both are training themselves in Karnatak Music under Guru Vijaya Venkatesh.

Shwetha is a recipient of State scholarship by Karnataka Sangeetha Nrithya Kala Academy. Both are graded artiste of DD and are honoured with Arunodaya Kalpavruksha Award and Aryabhata Award. Together they run a dance school 'Swaraat.'

Akhila Deepak had her Kuchipudi training under *Karnataka Kalasri* Guru Lakshmi Rajamani, founder of Lakshmi Kuchipudi Centre, Bengaluru, in Vedantam Style. She has been intensely trained in signature repertoire that includes "Bhaama Kalaapam" , "Golla Kalaapam" and "Kuchipudi Yakshaganam." An auditioned artiste at DD, she has completed Vidwat level and has started a Kuchipudi dance school 'Nritya Kuteera' and a dance troupe 'Jhenkara.'

Amita Mathur, trained in Kathak under Guru Nirupama Rajendra, has furthered her training under Pt. Shri Birju Maharaji, Dr. Maya Rao, Sohini Debnath, Prashant Shah and Vaishali Trivedi in workshops. She has also got special training on rhythm by Guru Mrudul Mukhopadyaya. She has performed in major Dance Festivals across the country winning accolades.

$15,000 F3 Futures Uganda Men's Tennis

Prajwal goes down to Lu Tyler

Kampala, May 17- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, representing India in the Uganda F3 Futures $15,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament at Kampala, yesterday lost his pre-quarter-finals Men's Singles match against fifth seeded Lu Tyler of USA 2-6, 5-7 in a tie which lasted for one hour and thirty four minutes.

Earlier, C. Vasisht from Mysuru, representing India lost to V.M. Ranjeet 1-6, 6-4, 2-6 in the Men's Singles first round.

In the Men's Doubles quarter-finals, second seeded Lu Tyler and Goran Markovic beat the unseeded Indian pair of Prajwal Dev and Vasisht 6-3, 6-3 and progressed further.

Prajwal Dev and Vaisht also will be taking part in the Uganda F4 Futures $15,000 Men's Tennis Tournament to be held at Kampala from May 21 to 27.

Italian Open

Nadal, Djokovic power on as Thiem crashes out

Rome, May 17- Former winners Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic powered into the third round of the Italian Open in Rome on Wednesday but Austrian Dominic Thiem fell at the first hurdle. Sixth seed Thiem crashed out just a week after inflicting a first clay-court defeat on Nadal in over a year in Madrid which cost the Spaniard the world number one ranking.

Nadal & Djokovic [File photo]

The 24-year-old destroyed his racket in fury as he suffered his first defeat to Italian Fabio Fognini in three meetings, sinking 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 at the Foro Italico.

Nadal later eased through 6-1, 6-0 against Bosnian Damir Dzumhur as he targets an eighth Rome title and first since 2013.

The 31-year-old, who claimed the 11th titles of his career at both Monte Carlo and Barcelona, took the first set in 34 minutes, coasting to victory in just an hour. The 16-time Grand Slam winner next takes on either Canadian Denis Shapovalov, 19, or Robin Haase of the Netherlands.

Djokovic, a four-time winner, is on the comeback trail three months after elbow surgery and eased past Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-4, 6-2.

The Serbia will next play Spaniard Albert Ramos Vinolas who needed three sets to get past American eighth seed John Isner 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/5).

Jasprit shines as Mumbai beat Punjab

Mumbai, May 17- Seamer Jasprit Bumrah snapped up three crucial wickets as defending champions Mumbai Indians kept their playoff hopes alive by notching up a thrilling three-run win over Kings XI Punjab in a crucial Indian Premier League (IPL) match at the Wankhede last night.

Chasing 187 to win, Rahul blasted 10 fours and three sixes in his 60-ball 94-run innings and shared a 111-run second wicket partnership with Aaron Finch (46) to take Punjab to the brink of a successful run-chase but Bumrah scalped three wickets in his second spell to derail the chase.

Mumbai Indians thus registered their sixth win to join Kings XI and Rajasthan Royals at 12 points in the table.

Kings XI were comfortably placed at 145/1 in 16 overs when Bumrah came back to bowl his second spell and Bumrah removed Finch and Marcus Stoinis (1) before dismissing Rahul in the 19th over.

Earlier, Australian seamer Tye returned with figures of 4-0-16-4 and skipper Ravichandran Ashwin (2/18) took two wickets to restrict Mumbai Indians to 186-8.

Jasprit Bumrah was chosen as the 'Player of the Match.'

Harden, James, Davis finalists for NBA MVP Award

James Harden

LeBron James

Anthony Davis

Los Angeles, May 17- Houston's James Harden, Cleveland's LeBron James and Anthony Davis of New Orleans are the finalists announced yesterday for NBA Most Valuable Player (MVP) honours.

Harden, the league's leading scorer in the regular season with an average of 30.4 points per game, appears the favourite to succeed Oklahoma City Thunder star Russell Westbrook as MVP when the awards are announced on June 25.

James, who at 33 produced one of the best seasons of his outstanding career, is in the running for a fifth career MVP title. He averaged 27.5 points — the most for him since the 2009-10 season — along with 8.6 rebounds and 9.1 assists and played in all 82 games of the regular season. He could join Bill Russell and Michael Jordan as five-time MVP winners. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the all-time leader with six.

Davis and the Pelicans overcame a season-ending injury to sidekick DeMarcus Cousins to earn the sixth seed in the Western Conference.

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TEASER By N. Prakash

Poll officials back to work

Mysuru, May 17 (RKB&DM)- With elections over, officials deputed for poll duty, returned to work as usual at their respective departments yesterday.

Most of the offices including the MCC, MUDA, Education, Revenue Departments etc. wore an almost deserted look in the past week as most of the staff were assigned for poll duty elsewhere.

Soon after resuming work at their offices, most of the officials were seen packing leftover poll stationery to be dispatched to store rooms.

KR Constituency Returning Officer (RO) Mohammed Zubair, who is CESC General Manager, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that the elections provide a big opportunity for poll officials to learn about the democratic process.

Maintaining that he was satisfied with his election job as KR Returning Officer, he said that he was happy to note that the elections passed off peacefully.

Pointing out that all the poll staff worked under directions from the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the District Electoral Officer, he thanked the people's representatives, the public, officials, media and all others who extended their co-operation for the peaceful conduct of elections.

Helping Hands felicitates Ramdas

Helping Hands, a Jain voluntary organisation, felicitated the newly-elected Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas in city yesterday. He is seen with Secretary Anand Patwa, Treasurer Rajan Baghmar, members Manohar Sankala, Prakash Gandhi, Jamboo Lodha, Mahaveer Dhoka, Sunil Patwa and Pavan Sancheti.

Mysuru BJP leaders greet BSY

BJP leaders from Mysuru including State BJP Slum Morcha General Secretary R. Raghu Kautilya, City BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, District BJP Vice-President S.C. Ashok and Yuva Morcha leader L.R. Mahadevaswamy greeting BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, who took over as the Karnataka Chief Minister in Bengaluru this morning. The delegation of Mysuru leaders was the first to greet the new CM at his chamber on the third floor of the Vidhana Soudha.

Police, Paramilitary lauded

for incident-free election bandobust

Mysuru, May 17 (RK&NNN)- The 15th Karnataka Assembly elections has passed off peacefully in city with tight security arrangements made by the District Administration and the Police.

"It is due to the people's patience, co-operation, the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari and the untiring efforts of the Police Officers and staff that the election bandobust was a success," said City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao and Superintendent of Police (SP) Amit Singh speaking to *SOM* yesterday.

The Police Officers have followed every direction of the District Election officials from time to time in all the three sub-divisions and provided tight security. They have worked day and

A.S. Rao

Amit Singh

night, said Dr. Rao lauding his team of officials for their efforts.

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President Amit Shah and AICC President Rahul Gandhi came for election campaigning, it went off peacefully without any untoward incidents in spite of heavy crowd at all times. This was because of the way we had made arrangements, said Dr. Rao.

As far as the election process was concerned, the civil Police and the Paramilitary Forces were deployed at check-posts, mustering centres, polling booths and counting centres, kept a strict vigil and hence nothing untoward happened and the polls went off peacefully, he said.

The counting is just over and till the government formation takes place, we will continue with the strict bandobust in city limits, Dr. Rao added.

"Even as the elections were approaching we identified the sensitive centres in the villages and deployed more forces keeping a hawk's eye on them. Hence our bandobust arrangements were successful," said SP Amit Singh.

All the DySPs, Circle Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and the staff carried out their duties responsibly, he said.

Paramilitary Forces personnel return

Mysuru, May 17 (RK&NNN)- The Paramilitary Forces personnel deployed for election bandobust duty in city returned to their respective places yesterday.

About 18 Companies consisting of 85 Paramilitary personnel from Chennai, Hyderabad, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Maharashtra had been deployed for bandobust duty. They used to provide security at check-posts, mustering centres, polling booths and counting centres.

As the voting and counting have gone off peacefully, the Paramilitary personnel who had come from outside the State have been sent back.

Since the election process is completed, the three check-posts put up for the elections on highways have been cleared.

The check-posts on the roads leading to Mysuru city included Hunsur Road, Bogadi Road, H.D. Kote Road, Nanjangud Road, T. Narasipur Road, Bannur Road, Mahadevapura Road, Bengaluru Road and KRS Road.

The single window system set up for the elections have been removed. The District Administration and the Police had made arrangements for the elections from February itself and from April 28 it was intensified.

500 CAR and Civil Police were deployed in Mandya and Mysuru Districts. The additional staff has been asked to return to their respective companies.

Karnataka Assembly Polls - 2018

Defeated candidates react

I respect people's verdict: Vasu

"Chamaraja Congress candidate Vasu, who lost the Assembly polls to BJP's L. Nagendra, has said that he would respect the voters' mandate. Maintaining that he was not disappointed over the result, Vasu, who had won from Chamaraja in 2013, said that his defeat in last week's election, may also be due to anti-party activities by some local Congress leaders and it was left to the party High Command to take action against such leaders. Pointing out that he was satisfied with his work as MLA, he hoped that the new BJP MLA would take forward the initiatives he (Vasu) had taken for the development of the Constituency.

M.K. Somashekar blames EVMs

"Blaming the malfunctioning of EVMs for his defeat in KR Constituency, former Congress MLA M.K. Somashekar has said that he would lodge a complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in this regard. Claiming that he had taken up a lot of projects for the overall development of the Constituency, he thanked all those who had voted for him.

Sandesh Swamy puts blame on electoral rolls manipulation

"Alleging that malfunctioning of EVMs and voter list manipulation were responsible for his defeat, NR BJP candidate Sandesh Swamy claimed that many of his supporters could not cast their vote due to voter list manipulation. Maintaining that he had received tremendous response from the people during campaign, Sandesh Swamy said that he was very much surprised by the victory of Congress candidate in NR Constituency.

Pointing out that the SDPI candidate has already complained against EVMs, Swamy said he too had lodged a complaint with the Election Commission for malfunctioning of EVMs and VVPATs.

Money power cause for my defeat: K. Harish Gowda

"Chamaraja rebel JD(S) leader K. Harish Gowda, who had contested as an independent candidate after the party denied him the ticket, said that money power unleashed by his opponents was the main cause for his defeat.

Claiming that the people were very much eager to elect him, Harish Gowda said that, however, his opponents together hatched a plot to defeat him.

Thanking the voters, he said that despite the loss he would carry on with his good work in Chamaraja Constituency.

I had banked on educated class: Prof. K.S. Rangappa

"Defeated Chamaraja JD(S) candidate Prof. K.S. Rangappa said that he does not know the art of trickery. Stating that despite his loss, he would continue to serve the people, Prof. Rangappa, a former VC of University of Mysore and KSOU, said that he had expected a win as he had banked on the voters of the educated class, scholars, academicians and the like. 'But I respect the people's mandate and will continue to serve the people in my capacity as an academician,' he added.

DC dismisses EVM hacking

"Even as some unsuccessful candidates blamed the malfunctioning of EVMs and VVPATs for their defeat, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Electoral Officer (DEO), has said that it was impossible to hack the EVMs and VVPATs. He said that the allegations were unfounded.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hornswoggle

Pronunciation: HORN-swah-gul

Meaning: Bamboozle, hoax; get the better of (someone) by cheating or deception.
Origin: Hornswoggle is a slang word of some considerable mystery, at least where its etymology is concerned. The word appears to have originated in the southern United States in the early 19th century. The earliest known written record comes from an 1829 issue of The Virginia Literary Magazine in its glossary of Americanisms. The magazine states that hornswoggle came from Kentucky, and its oddness matches nicely with other 19th-century Americanisms, such as sockdolager, absquatulate, callithump, slumgullion, and skedaddle. While the exact point at which hornswoggle entered our language, and the way in which it was formed, may remain unknown, it is a charming addition to our language, joining bamboozle and honeyfuggle as colorful ways to say "to deceive."

THE ODD WORD

Abaya

A full-length, sleeveless outer garment worn by Arabs.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Caught red handed

Meaning: To be caught red-handed is to be caught in the act of committing a misdemeanour, with the evidence.

Origin: One of the many myths as to its origin is the tale of how, in a boat race in which the first to touch the shore of Ulster was to become the province's ruler, one contestant guaranteed his win by cutting off his hand and throwing it to the shore ahead of his rivals. The potency of the symbol remains and is used in the Ulster flag, and as recently as the 1970s a group of Ulster loyalist paramilitaries named themselves the Red Hand Commandos.
The term originates, not from Northern Ireland, but from a country not so far from there, socially and geographically, that is, Scotland. An earlier form of 'red-handed', simply 'red hand', dates back to a usage in the Scottish Acts of Parliament of James I, 1432. Red-hand appears in print many times in Scottish legal proceedings from the 15th century onward; for example, this piece from Sir George Mackenzie's A discourse upon the laws and customs of Scotland in matters criminal, 1674: "If he be not taken red-hand the sheriff cannot proceed against him."

QUOTE BOX

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIDDLE THIS

What object has keys that open no locks, space but no room, and you can enter but not go in?

Answer: keyboard.

SUDOKU

			2				5	4
		2			7			
1			8			9		
	5			6		1	2	
	2						8	
	9	7		8			6	
		3			4			8
			7			2		
9	7				1			

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	8	3	2	7	6	1	4
4	3	2	9	1	6	7	5	8
7	1	6	5	8	4	3	2	9
5	6	4	1	3	8	2	9	7
1	7	9	4	6	2	5	8	3
2	8	3	7	5	9	1	4	6
6	9	1	2	4	3	8	7	5
8	4	5	6	7	1	9	3	2
3	2	7	8	9	5	4	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Mr Hardy of Hollywood
4 ___ Blow : an average person?
7 Group of states united by a common factor
11 Driving while intoxicated, abbr.
12 Harem room
13 Indefinitely long periods of time
14 Suffers death or ruin
17 _ ___ above the rest : better than others? (1,3)
18 Secretary
20 Italian bowls
22 Raise a question for discussion; debatable
23 A Programming Lang.
24 Topples or cuts down trees
27 Took in a regulated and prescribed quantity of food
31 ____ saucer: U.F.O.?
33 Vodafone's partner in India
34 Voice of America
35 Part of QED
37 Takes an oblique turn
39 One who has good feelings for you (4-6)
42 Great playback singer Mohd. ___
43 My __ ___ : how poor widower addresses his spouse? (4,4)
46 Do ___ others : old way of saying "do to others"?
47 Period or age
48 A type of sea-eagle
49 Bird's home
50 One of the twelve Hebrew tribes in Old Testament
51 Colouring material

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

D	D	T			E	S	T		S	A	R	
I	C	E	D		R	U	B		T	R	U	E
V	I	L	I	P	E	N	D		R	A	H	S
			X	V	I			Z	E	B	R	A
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A	O	N	E			R	U	N	N	E	R	
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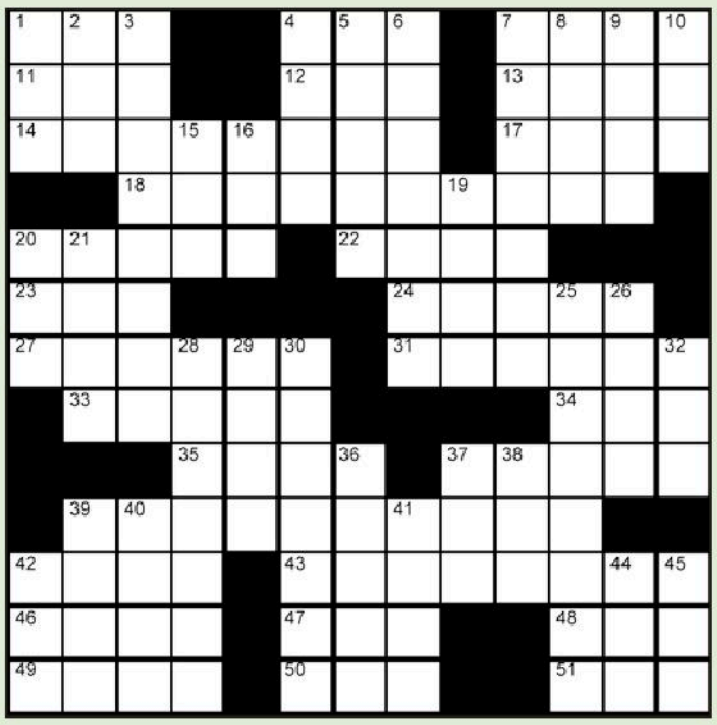
	R	E	H	I	R	E			M	E	M	O
			I	V	E	S		L	A	S	S	O
C	L	O	N	E			G	A	R			
R	I	N	G		B	L	A	C	K	I	N	G
Y	E	T	I		B	O	Z		S	N	E	E
	D	O	S		C	U	E			F	B	L

DOWN

1 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
2 Be indebted to
3 In this modern age of science, ____ hardly happen!
4 The name of twenty three Popes
5 A hall, theater, or other structure for musical or dramatic performances
6 Slacken gradually (4,3)
7 Brutish or feral
8 Lines or curves satisfying a given geometric condition
9 Responsibility
10 VT now
15 Instrument Meteorological Conditions
16 Soc. of Automotive Engineers
19 Ex-Hyderabad off-spinner ___ David
20 Evil or sinful
21 English painter
25 Wearing identifying uniform
26 John ____ : ex-England and Sussex paceman?
28 The Wasteland, poet (1,1,5)
29 Nobleman ranked below marquis
30 Spoke with drawn out vowel sounds
32 Petrol for the Americans?
36 Crown
37 H Rider Haggard's heroine?
38 __ Gardens : place to visit in London along the Thames?
39 Ebb or reduce in intensity
40 They are related to a newt
41 Oliver Hardy's partner ___ Laurel
42 In the long ___ : eventually?
44 Small ___ : nobody important?
45 Vane directions?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EQXQTW XIOHILIP VZI QJJHRHYO PMQGIPBYE... XFV

ILINWXQTW VNFPVP YE FEHTIEVHJHIT PQFNRI

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS Y

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: In films murders are always very clean. I show how difficult it is and what a messy thing it is to kill a man — Alfred Hitchcock

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Edakallu Guddada Mele	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Bhootayyana Mommaga Ayyu	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Kaanorayana	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Hello Mama	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Miss Khiladi	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Raazi	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Dirty Darling	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
The Past	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Mehbooba	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Rangasthalam	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Iruttu Araiyil Murattu Kuththu			
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Irumbu Thirai	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Raazi (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 7 pm, 9.50 pm
Avengers: Infinity War (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 3.55 pm
Monster Hunt 2 (E)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Panchavarnathatha (Ma)	(S-2)	11.15 am
102 Not Out (H)	(S-2)	2.15 pm, 7.40 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 am
Irumbu Thirai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
B'Tech (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Nadigaiyar Thilagam (Ta)	(S-3)	12.20 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Mehabooba (Te)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
The Past (H)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India (Te)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Mahanati (Te)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 6.35 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE

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Raazi (H)	(S-1)	12.50 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Avengers: Infinity War (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Mehbooba (Te)	(S-1)	6.40 pm
	(S-3)	12.55 pm
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India (Te)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
102 Not Out (H)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.15 pm
Mahanati (Te)	(S-2)	12.40 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Irumbu Thirai (Ta)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Hello Mama (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
B.Tech (Feature Film) (Ma)	(S-4)	6.55 pm
Panchavarnathatha (Ma)	(S-4)	9.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Woh Apna Sa	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh, Piyaji	7:00 pm Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
7:30 Kaleerein	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Mere Sai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	8:00 Har Shaakh Pe Ullu Baithaa Hai	8:10 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:30 Piyaa Albela	8:30 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala	8:40 Porus
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
10:00 Ishq Subhan Allah		
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	5:00 pm Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	5:00 Pm Street Genius
6:00 Fail Army	5:30 Game Plan 2018 IPL	5:30 Street Genius
6:30 Food Factory	6:00 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	6:00 Genius: Picasso
7:00 Wild Frank	6:30 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	7:00 Airport Security: Colombia
8:00 Absolute Wild With Grylls	7:00 Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Pre Show	8:00 Combat Zone
9:00 Diesel Brothers	7:50 Vivo IPL 2018 Live	9:00 Spectacular Bridges
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	11:15 Kent Cricket IPL Post Show Live	10:00 Continent 7: Antarctica
11:00 Paranormal Witness	11:35 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	11:00 Unpublished
6:00 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	7:00 pm Gouri	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Kris Aur Ande Ka Funda	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Teen Titans Go!	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandhini	9:00 Jeeva Nadi
	9:30 Sree Bhadrakali	9:30 Manasa Sarovara
	10:00 Kadhakalkkappuram	10:00 Kanmani

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:17 pm **The Boss Baby**	5:08 pm **47 Meters Down**	5:11 pm **Once Upon A Time In China II**
6:14 **Captain America**	6:52 **The Italian Job**	7:10 **The Specialist**
8:59 **The Hills Have Eyes 2**	9:00 **Escape Plan**	9:01 **The Last Samurai**
10:50 **2012**	11:15 **Armour Of God II**	
2:40 pm **Mubarakan**	5:59 pm **Loafer**	2:20 pm **Ek Taqatwar**
5:57 **Sivaji: The Boss**	8:55 **Commando 2**	**The Mighty**
8:55 **Bhairava**	11:30 **Autonagar Surya**	7:54 **Fillum Baazi**
		8:28 **Kranti Kshetra**
4:19 pm **Waterworld**	4:00 pm **Baa Baro Rasika**	4:48 pm **Ready**
6:59 **The Scorpion King**	7:00 **Chora Chitta Chora**	7:56 **Jolly LL.B 2**
8:55 **Son Of The Mask**	10:00 **Gajendra**	10:58 **Betting Raja**
10:59 **Piranha 3DD**		

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 17)

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Vidyaranyapuram: Adhika Jeshta Masa, 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana), Harinama Sankeerthane by Raichur Sheshagiridas (Bengaluru), **5 pm to 6 pm;** 'Gaanasiri - Vedantalahari,' discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Prerana Motors - TATA Motors: Launching of TATA Ace Gold (small commercial vehicle), Nakshatra Convention Hall, Bandipalya Road, **5.30 pm.**

Parampare: 'Prabhulingaleele' Vaachana-Vyaakhyaana, Vachana Gayana by Vidu. Kala Lokesh, a music teacher from Mysuru; 'Basavaadigala avataara, Mahaadeviyakkana virakti' Vaachana by Vidu. Sujatha Gopinath, a senior Gamaki and Head Mistress of a School in Harihara; Vyaakhyaana by Dr. Shanta Imrapur, a retired Professor of Karnataka University, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), **6 pm.**

Rotary Mysore: Rotary Gayathri Education Award for SSLC toppers of Mysuru city, Rotary auditorium, KRS Road, next to Mandovi Motors, **6.30 pm.**

Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Khille Mohalla: Adhimasa Special Programmes, lecture by scholars, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 18)

Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Khille Mohalla: Adhimasa Special Programmes, Sarvamulapata (Krishnamruta Maharnava) by Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, **7.30 am to 8.03 am;** Samuhika 33 Pradakshine Namaskara, **8.03 am to 8.30 am;** Bhajans, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Lecture by scholars, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Vidyaranyapuram: Adhika Jeshta Masa, 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana), Harinama Sankeerthane by Shankar Shanbhagh, **5 pm to 6 pm;** 'Gaanasiri - Vedantalahari,' discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Parampare: 'Prabhulingaleele' Vaachana-Vyaakhyaana, Vachana Gayana by Sagar Chakravarti, English lecturer from Mysuru; 'Goggayya mattu Muktaayakkanige upadesha' Vaachana by Vidu. Lakshmi Jayaprakash, a senior Gamaki from Tumakuru and Vyaakhyaana by Dr. Morabada Mallikarjuna, a retired Professor, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Vocal recital by Vid. G. Ravikiran, accompanied by Vid. Adithi Krishna Prasad on violin and Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Rotary Mysore North and Yashaswi Foundation: Rotary Yashaswi Pratibha Puraskar presentation, KIKS Director Dr. Nilagiri Talwar chief guest, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. Rajashekar Kadamba presides, Yashaswi Foundation Chairman Rtn. Yashaswi S. Somashekar award sponsor, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

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